

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In conjunction with the Appeal Brief concurrently filed herewith and to place the application in better form for appeal, appellants respectfully request entry of the instant amendment. Claims 1-11 remain pending; claims 12-20 were previously canceled; and claims 21-31 have been withdrawn as directed to a non-elected species.

Appellants have amended claim 9 to correct an obvious antecedent basis problem. Also, the references to "FIGS. 22 to 28" on pages 1 and 2 of the specification have been corrected to read --FIGS. 28 to 33--. No substantive issues are raised by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

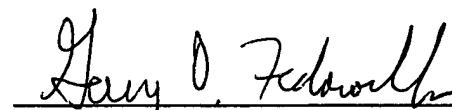
Appellants respectfully request entry of the instant amendment, and respectfully solicit notification of the same with the next communication in the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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